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EXPEDITION UP THE RIO GRANDE.

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ANILA, May 20.-10 A. M.-General egorio del Pilar, commander of the ingent forces in front of General Law-

res, Pablo Campo, and Teodoro Yanco, peace with the American comreach Manita by special train NOTHING DEFINITE.

rty was closeted with General s decidedly unsatisfactory, the having nothing definite to and being unempowered to nego-

direct from Aguinaldo, asking Congress as to what policy dopted. As before, General d to entertain the proposition. YS VISIT OUR FLEET.

> and the other vessels of the permission to see their femi-

THE RIO GRANDE.

May 20.-7:50 A. M.-Colone pedition up the Rio Grande o resistance, except at the San Luis, where several hon os were entrenched on the stream. The rebels rend Candaba, and the gunboat upon the banks, and dropwherever uniforms appeared The gunboats dispersed the

faces in the road for a quarter of our, trying to locate the riflemen and a their fire. Two Americans were ed. The road wound close to the and was thickly settled. It was a que march. Many groups of hun-f natives were clustered under the a the opposite bank, displaying carriage, met the troops two of town. He said: "I hav Americans are like the Eng-

RICAN" WELCOME. rant, in command of the gun-d before the troops arrived, ith a "Porto Rican" welcome. afraid that they would be the men from the gunboat Lagung to guard the town, and the na sent a messenger to tell the people had taken refuge in the swamps to n. Hundreds of the natives there-returned timidly, a man with an impreceding each party.

pines had dot imprisoned, was at Candaba. He said it was usetry and convince the natives that cricans had not come to oppress who have told stories of mas town were placarded with slaughter of Americans, hun-thom were said to have beer

as Major Kobbe reached Sar All day a stream of half manner of ants, rushing to

San Luis and burned a part of Lieutenant Cunningham, with party, engaged in running Kobbs sent the army gun

centhe highway for exodus and to-day there is a flags, drifting down the petrons, with their house boats have passed the

uska regiment marched from The regiment numbattered canteens and shiny how unmistakable marks of empaigning. But the soldiers are Several of them dropped by the train at Calumpit, bound for

Thus he is in a position to resume hos-tildes at any time. This will defeat any subterfuges to gain time, which would not be the case if the General should not be the case if the General should agree to an armistice. The Filipinos are so deceptive that people hesitate to credit with good faith their latest overtures. But more attention is now paid to them than was paid to their previous advances.

The Filipino Commission is acting under instructions from Aguinaldo and the Filipino Congress, but it is possible that if peace is arranged Generals Pio del Pilar, Luna, and their followers will continue a guerilla warfare.

THREAT AT ILOILO.

At Iloilo an attack on the Americans was recently expected. The Filipino leader boasted that he had 2,000 riflemen and 10,000 bolomen, and had the impudence to send an ultimatum to the American commander, ordering him to leave the island. As a result, many of the natives left the town, and for several days the outposts were doubled. In addition, the Yorktown and the Iris anchored in positions commanding the mouth of the Jara river, where the attack was expected to take place, but it failed to materialize. Cable communication between Hollo and Bacalod, which has been interrupted, has

THE SULU ARCHIPELAGO. Characteristics of Its People-Why

We Garrison Its Capital. WASHINGTON, May 20.-The Sulu group of islands, to the capital of which, Jolo, General Ot's has sent two buttallons of the Twenty-third Infantry, is the most southerly group of the Philip pine archipelago, and is inhabited by the most warlike people in the Philippines Although there are over 150 small islands in the Sulu group, the Spaniards have never been able to exercise more than nominal sovereignty there, and, in fact were never able to maintain a garrison except at Jolo. That garrison gave them of the reigning Sultan, they have fived with the natives under an armed truce. The Sultan still reigned under the "pro

Spanish garrison quartered at Jolo still but as it is known that most of the Spanish garrisons in the southern portion of the archipelago were concentrated at Zamboanga, on the Island of Min-damo, the supposition is that the Ameritroops, upon their arrival, will find

It is presumed that the object of the government in sending a garrison there is to serve notice upon the world that over this group of islands, upon which more than an hour, but the in- from time to time, it has been reported other nations had designs.

PEOPLE BORN WARRIORS. The natives of the Sulu Islands are alled Mores, and originally came from Mohammedans, polygamists, and slave-owners. They disuain work, and expect their wants to be supplied by their wives and slaves. After their wild tribal battles, or their combats with Christians, the conquerors kill the men, the women are taken to enrich the seragitos of the assigners, after leaving the victors, and the children are sold as In battle they seek to terrify their opponents by making hideous faces Like the Dervishes, whom the British have been fighting in the Soudan, the Mores are upborne in battle by religious fanaticism, and cut and slay until they expire. They never ask or give quarter, and are treacherous to a degree.

PAYMENT OF THE CUBANS. Order Therefor Made, But Might Be

Withdrawn. HABANA, May 20.-The order for the

payment of the Cuban troops, and the launch of Major-General Otis was the delivery of their arms to the Mayors of supervision of the Civil Governors, was signed by Governor-General Brooke to-day, but as yet it has not been published.

Admiral landed and called upon the Major-General and the United States Philippine commissioners. Admiral Dewey was enthusiastic over his here. day, but as yet it has not been published, and could be suppressed, were reasons for such a course to arise during the next farty-eight hours. The impression here is that the news reports from Washington have been at variance wit The first payment of the has been set for May 77th, at the foot of the Prado, in Habana, and the second for May 30th, at Santiago de las Vegas. in Habana province. The payments will be continued at other places in the pro-vince day after day thereafter. MEETING OF GOVERNORS.

The Provincial Governors will meet with Governor-General Brooke in Habana, or June 1st, to discuss the affairs of the island and exchange impressions gained

General Leonard Wood, Military Governor of the Department of Santiago and Brigadier-General Louis H. Carpenter commanding the Department of Puerte Principe, were directed by wire to-day to be here on that date, and the Governors nearer departments will receive

FINANCIAL DEFICIT.

Senor Domingo Mendos Capote, Secretary of the Interior in General Brooke Advisory Council, will present to the Council and Governor on Tuesday next an estimate of the revenues of all the municipalities on the island, showing the revenues to be \$600,000 per quarter less than the requirements. This estimate will be accompanied by a request that out of the customs. This measure is in tended to offset local complaints that the municipal taxation, according to the requirements, is more than sufficient.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the temperature in Habana was 82 degrees Fahren-

Greenville (N. C.) Cases Postponed. RALEIGH, N. C., May 23.—A special to the News and Observer from Greenville. says: The case against the citizens of Greenville, before United States Commissloner Ormond, that started yesterday morning, dragged on until the middle of the afternoon, before the testimony for the prosecution was all in. Assistant-Dis-trict-Attorney Speers arrived this morn-ing, to help engineer the case. When the government rested its case, counsel for the defence stated they had much testi-mony to offer. The Commissioner an-nounced that the defence must finish its side to-day, or he would hold the case until midnight. Counsel stated that it was impossible to introduce all the decision by the Commissioner was justice. The Assistant District Attorney recognized this injustice and de-clined to be made a party to it, and as he could not be here next week the case was postponed to June 22d.

Extensive Wage Increase.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 20.—An increase in wages for 7,500 men was the result of the annual prescription scale confer-ence between the American Flint-Glass Workers' Association and the Association ence between the American Fint-Glass Workers' Association and the Association of Filat and Lime Glass Manufacturers, which adjourned in Pittsburg to-day. Of this number, 1.500 skilled workmen will receive an increase of 10 per cent., and £,000 unskilled men will receive an advance in proportion. The advance will go into effect at the beginning of the next fite, and will restore to the men the wages they received in 1892 and 1893.

Reception to Schley in Omaha. the other troops went to the station and cheered them heartily.

A TEMPORARY TRUCE.

Major-General Otis has declined to recording the rehels to the extent of tified the American commanders to abstant temporarily from aggressive action.

Reception to Schley in Omaha.

OMAHA. NEB., May 20.—A public reception was given to Admiral Schley to-day in the rotunda of the City Hall. Not-withstanding the fact that intensely disagreeable weather prevailed, at least 10,000 people were present. Conspicuous among those who pressed forward to grasp the hand of the Admiral were the school-children, who were evidently his enthusiastic admirers.

He is Tremendously Cheered as He Starts Homeward.

NOISY HALF HOUR AT MANILA

Din of Guns, Blare of Bands, and Shriek of Whistles.

ADMIRAL ENTHUSIASTIC.

He Says He Believes the End of the Philippine War is Near-He Will Go Directly to Vermont, and Live

MANILA, May 20.-The cruiser Olympia with Admiral Dewey on board, left here on her homeward journey to the United States at 4 o'clock this afternoon As she steamed away, the Oregon, Baltimore, and Concord fired an admiral's sa-At the first shot the band on the flugship's afterdeck played a lively air, and her white-clad sailors crowded the decks and gave a tremendous cheer As the Olympia passed the Oregon the crew of that battleship gave nine cheers for the Olympians, which was responded to by a throwing of caps so high that dozens of the caps were left behind, bobbing in the wake of the cruiser.

Then followed the noisiest half hour ever known in this harbor. The din of guns and brass bands echoed through the smoke, a fleet of steam launches shricked their whistles, the musicians of the Baltimore played "Home, Sweet Home," her flags signalled 'Good-By," and those of the Oregon said "Pleasant Voyage." The merchant vessels in these waters dipped their flags, the ladies on the decks of the vessels of the fleet waved handkerchiefs, and the great black British cruiser Powerful, which lay the farthest out, saluted the Olympia. The latter's band played "God Save the Queen," and to this the crew of the Powerful responded with hearty cheers for the Olympia The last music heard from Admira Dewey's ship was "Auld Long Syne," while the guns from the forts at Cavite and from the Monterey, on guard off Paranaque, too far to be audible, puffed white clouds of smoke. The Olympia was disappearing past Corregidor Island when a battery before the walled city spoke Manila's last word of farewell.

ADIEUS OF FRIENDS. Admiral Dewey sat on the deck of the Olympia, and received the adleus of his friends during the most of the day. The first to arrive alongside the cruiser, 7 o'clock this morning, and afterwards th when mention was made of the welcome to be extended to him he said he appreciated the friendship of his countryme: deeply, but hoped they would not be too

at Montpelier, Vt., and live there. On its being said that the people wanted him to go home by way of San Francisco, and across the Continent, the Admiral replied: "If I was twenty years younger and had political ambition, I would not miss that

Speaking of the situation, Admiral Dewey said; "I believe we are near the end. The insurgents are fast going to pieces. The sending of a third commis-sion shows that they believe this com-

WALKER NOT LEFT BEHIND. Captain Walker, of the Concord, the last of the commanders in the battle here, went to the Admiral, and said: "Don't leave me behind." So he was releved, and goes home on the Olympia. The Filipino commissioners called on Major-General Otis this afternoon, and

arranged to meet the members of the American Commission on Monday, when they expect their colleagues will have arrived. The chairman and secretary of their commission have been chosen.

WASHINGTON, May 20 -- So far the Navy Department knows nothing, except in the most general way, of the lineof Admiral Dewey's cruise from Manila to New York. He has reported simply that he will come by the Sucz route, and has not indicated officially how long he will take in making the trip. The actual departure of the Olympla was made known in the following four words, coming by cable from Captain Barker, at Manila: "Olympia, Hongkong. Assumed command." The it the Navy Department is that the Admiral will spend about two weeks at Hongkong, for the Olympia is to be docked and her drab war-paint must be cov-ered with the spotless white which makes the American naval ship the most beautiful in the world.

OLYMPIA'S PROBABLE ROUTE. In the absence of other information, it is assumed that the Olympia, from Hongwarships coming home by way of the Hongkong at Singapore, then at Colombo, then, perhaps, at Aden, at the entrance of the Red Sea, to take on a crew of Lascars to fire the bollers in the intensely hot passage through the Sea and the Suez canal. Stops will be made of necessity at Suez and at Port Said.
It is assumed that Malta will be touched, and perhaps Genoa or Nice, before reaching Gibraitar. Leaving the Medi-terranean, the Olympia will stand straight

across the Atlantic, though she may put in at the Azores for two days. TIME OF TRIP, SEVENTY DAYS. The time that should be occupied by such a trip is variously estimated by paval officers, but the average is about seventy days from to-day. However, the public will soon be able to get a more ac-curate knowledge of the itinerary, for in a few days the Navy Department will be

CUBAN TROUBLE ENDED. Brooke's Provision for Safe-Keeping

in a position to schedule the ship's move-

of Arms Satisfactory.

aside for the payment of the Cuban sol-diers, being entirely satisfied with the provision made by General Brooke for the safe keeping of the arms that must be surrendered by the Cubans in consideration of receiving a share of the money.

try's Part in It.

NEW YORK, May 20 .- Ferdinand W. Peck, commissioner-general of the United States to the Paris Exposition of 1900, reached New York on the American Line steamer St. Louis to-day, He was ac-companied by Mrs. Peck and J. H. Mo-Gibbons, director of exploitation, of his staff. When asked about the results of his trip to Paris, Mr. Peck said: "During my brief stay in Paris, much

was accomplished for our American exnitit in 1900. The plans of all the Untied States buildings have been approved by the French authorities, though many changes were made in them to conform to the requirements of the French Government, and to meet the limitations o our appropriation. Work upon these buildings will begin immediately. There will be five buildings in the main grounds, and two in the Bols de Vincennes, the annex to the exposition, which will be made a most important part of the whole."

THE CANADIAN COMMISSION.

Boundary Question to Be Withdrawn-General London Gossip. Special London Cable. Copyright, 1899.

by the Associated Press.) LONDON, May 20.-The fate of the Anglo-American-Canadian Commission i naturally regarded here as a matter of great importance, and the various rumors and reports on the subject attract much attention. A dispatch from Washington to the effect that the resumption of the commissioners' labors depends upor settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute has been prominently publishe in this city, and a representative of the Associated Press made inquiries at the centre of the negotiations in London. From an unimpeachable source he obtained the following statement:

WILL BE WITHDRAWN. "The thorny nature of the Alaskan question makes it probable that on the resumption of the sittings of the commission it will be withdrawn from dis-cussion, to be taken up later, should circumstances be favorable. The Alaskan question, in fact, has practically been dropped out of the discussion, and the statement that its discussion and settle-ment will be made the sine qua non of

the resumption of the sittings of the com on is inaccurate. The representative of the Associated Press was assured that the matter has been discussed in the most conciliatory spirit on both sides. The newspapers her express regret at the fact that th Alaskan dispute has grown more acute at a time when the relations between the two countries are so cordial, and the news that the conference will probably be reumed in the autumn has given satisfac

TRANSVAAL AFFAIR.

The great Johannesburg plot against the Transyaal is classed as having fizzled out, like a damp firecracker. It is claimed that the Boer organs first tried to magnify the affair into another Jameson raid, but now have abandoned the attempt in description. in despair. It is further asserte that the men arrested comprise a couple of Boer agents, who, some people claim probably engineered the whole scheme. Nobody thinks that President Kruger knew anything of the hatching of the affair, and he is looked upon as being oo shrewd not to see a flasco

An interesting insight into Boer methods is given in a report that most of the bar maids at Johannesburg receive handsome rewards from the Boer secretservice fund for spying upon customers.

MEETING AT BLOEMFONTEIN. oming meeting between Sir Alfred Milne the British High Commissioner of South Africa and Governor of Cape Colony, and is general anticipation that Sir Alfred Milne has been instructed by Joseph an ultimatum, and that the Boers will b required to accept and carry out the British demands within a specified period or the Transvaal will be occupied by British

GLADSTONE-DAY A FAILURE

The attempt to make the anniversar of Mr. Gladstone's death (May 19th) the occasion for a great party demonstra-dion, similar to the Conservative Prim rose Day, must be written down as a failure. The Liberal organs urged the wearing of a white buttonhole flower, "the white flower of a blameless life," as hardly a citizen in London was seen wear Radical clubs few people adopted the

Will Get the Next One.

Will Get the Next One.

Col. J. S. Harwood, Mr. Jos. Wallerstein and Mr. Hill Montague returned yes terday from Louisville, Ky., where they attended the meeting of the National Convention of the Travellers' Protective Association. Mr. Montague went as the special representative of the Young Men's Business Association to urge the Travellers' Protective Association to hold their next convention in Richmond. He was given a cordial reception, and his presentation of the claims of Richmond aroused great enthusiasm. A large majority of the States were in favor of coming to Richmond, but Missout's big yote, which decided the matter, was cast in favor of New Orleans, Richmond car have the convention in 1991. The Virginians have been royally entertained All of them will be home to-morrow.

Captain Stuart Gives Up Banking. Captain J. E. B. Stuart has decided not return to his old position in the Merchants' National Bank, and so notified Mr Clene, the cashier, yesterday. When Cap chants' National Bank, and so notified Mr Glenn, the cashier, yesterday. When Cap tain Stuart accepted an appointment as commissary in the volunteer army, the bank officials wrote him a very handsom letter, in which they offered to hold his place open for him. He had been with the bank several years, and was held in very high esteem as an efficient and valuable man. Since his return from the arm) he has been doing some important specia man. Since his return from the army he has been doing some important specia work for the bank, but will not take his old position again. He has not decided in what business he will engage.

A Negro Intruder.

The inmates of Dr. Shield's house were greatly alarmed last evening by the intrusion of a negro in an advanced stage of intoxication. The matter was reported to the police of the Second District, but before an officer could arrive the man had disappeared. Upon investigation, it appeared that a colored man who had been visiting one of the servants for some time had been warned to keep away by the girl's parents. His disappointment seems to have taken the form of alcoholism, and under its influence he determined to brave the threats of the determined to brave the threats of the

New City Directory Out.

The Richmond and Manchester City
Directory for 1829, Issued by the J. L. Hill
Printing Company, is just out. This
year's edition is probably the best yet issued by this bouse. The directory gives
the following statement, showing Richmond's population:
1880 63,600
1890 81,388
1859 165,600

Mr. Taliaferro Gets the Contract. WASHINGTON, May 20.—It is believed that whatever difficulty existed as to the disposition of the weapons held by the Cuban soldiers has been removed by the action taken by Secretary Alger to-day. He instructed General Brooke to begin at once the payment of the \$3,000,000 set of the contract for building the new engine-house to be crected for No. 2 Company, on the north side of Main street between Twentieth and Twenty-first. He was the lowest of the five bidders, his figures being \$4.720. Mr. Taliaferro expects to have the building completed in ninety gays.

Commissioner Peck on This Coun- Mr. John Lauer Kills Himself in Monroe Park.

A MOST DELIBERATE SUICIDE

Bidding His Son Good-By, The Father Goes to End His Life.

HAD LONG BEEN DESPONDENT.

Physical Suffering Led the Deceased to Seek Surcease of Pain in Death-

Henrico Man Drinks Poison Mr. John Lauer, the well-known pro-

A Letter of Explanation Left-A

prietor of the confectionery and saloon at the corner of Henry and Main streets. committed suicide in Monroe Park last night at 8:50 o'clock, shooting himself through the head with a 44-calibre revolver, which he had purchased only a few hours before for the purpose. The suicide was sensational in the ex-

treme, in that the deceased selected a most public place for the tragedy, and immediately before leaving his home to commit the deed jocularly bade his son good-by. He left a note saying that physical suffering led him to seek ease in death.

. Mr. Lauer was born in Kaiserslautern Germany, sixty-four years ago, and came to this country when but 16 years of age. He located in Richmond four or five years before the war, and was probably as well known and as popular as any of Richmond's German-American citizens. He had been in ill-health for years, and was a great sufferer from catarrh of the stomach, which was complicated with gout, neuralgia, and rheumatism. He had frequently threatened to end his existence, and fearing that he would put his threat into execution. Mr. John Lauer, Jr., his son, hid his pistols from him.

SECURED A PISTOL.

Yesterday morning Mr. Lauer appeared brighter than usual, and in a bantering manner told his son that he had never refused him but one thing in his life; that was a pistol, and he was going to get that. He went to Chimborazo Park in the afternoon, and returning home about nightfall, told his son that he had gotten a pistol at Tignor's, and at the same 'time handed him several 44-calibre cartridges in substantiation of his state ment. He had supper, and then told his son that he was going to shoot himself. At the time the young man was behind the bar, and thinking to distract his father's attention, suggested that he would get a Winchester, and together leman laughed at this, and saying, "No: that would not do, for there would be no one left to care for your mother," walked out of the bar, turning as he passed out of the door to tell his son that he had a letter in his pocket for SEATED ON A BENCH

Mr. Lauer walked deliberately to Mon roe Park, only about fifty yards distant from his store, and scating himself on the first bench from the entrance at the corner of Belvidere and Main streets, watched the passers by. Park-Keeper Kracker passed in company with a gentleman, and was halled by Mr. Lauer, who asked if he was out for a walk. A brief reply was given, and the two gentlemen passed on, only to be halted when a few yards off by the report of a pistol. Hurrying back to Mr. Lauer, they found him still seated on the bench, with blood gushing from his right ear and the smoking pistol and the smoking pistol lying on the ground at his feet. He had fired with the muzzle of the pistol against his ear, ground at his feet. and a gaping wound was made,

of the pistol, hurried to his father's side and besought him to speak. Mr. Lauer was then dying, and he was gotten home as quickly as possible. Physicians were summoned and a hurry call was sent in for the ambulance, but in 15 minutes after the fatal shot had been fired the deceased breathed his last.

THE FINAL LETTER

Coroner Taylor was summoned, and in his presence the son opened the letter which he extracted from his father' letter was addressed, "My Dear Son," and had too long suffered from his many allments, and was about to end his exist-ence. In the letter Mr. Lauer said he Yelt that he would be happier dead than care of his mother, who was his best

After examining the wound and reading the letter, and inspecting the pistol-a single chamber 44-calibre weapon-the dertaker A. W. Bennett, who will pre-HAD TRAVELLED MUCH.

Deceased leaves a wife, who is a sister of Mr. Jacob Reinhardt, and two children-Mr. John Lauer, Jr., and /Mrs Charles Williams, of Charlotte, N. C. Deceased, before locating in Richmond

immediately before the war, travelled pretty much all over the United States, following his trade of wood-carver. He was an artist of considerable ability, and his home, over his store, at No. 500 west Main street, is decorated with many was exceedingly popular, and his sad friends, though his son stated last night that he had been fearing for years that his father would kill himself. No arrangements for the funeral have

HE DRANK "ROUGH ON RATS."

vet been made.

Mr. Pompey Gathright Ends His Life on Church Hill, Another suicide, equally as shocking as that of Mr. Lauer, occurred on Church

Hill earlier in the day. The victim of this fatality was Mr. Pompey Gathright, a well-known carpenter, who lived just northeast of the city, on the Nine-Mile

Twenty-seventh and P streets, to the

county.

About 9 o'clock yesterday morning he entered a drugstore on Church Hill and purchased a box of "Rough on Rats," telling the druggist that he was troubled with rats in his hen-house, and wanted to get rid of them. From the drugstore Mr. Gathright walked to Hord's grocery store, at No. 1201 north Twenty-fifth street. There he purchased a gill of whiskey, and asking for a glass, saying that he wanted to take some medicine that he wanted to take some medicine in it, went to the rear of the store. He poured the poison into the whiskey, and, gulping the dose down, returned to where the clerks were busy waiting upon customers, and told what he had done, saying he would be dead in five minutes.

Drs. Benjamin A. Hord and C. W. Massie were quickly summened to him, and

stomach-pumps were applied vigorously, with the result that in a short time the unfortunate man railied, and it was unfortunate man ralled, and it was thought that he had passed the danger-mark. He had a sinking spell later on, however, and though restoratives and antidotes were freely applied, the end cam-

Mr. Gathright was about 55 years old, and was highly respected. He leaves a wife and a family of two sons and two daughters. He gave no reason for taking his life. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

She Took Laudanum.

The city ambulance was called down en Broad street last night to attend a colored woman, who had taken laudanum. Dr. Goode, the surgeon in charge, treated her and left her out of danger.

HOTEL-KEEPERS IN RICHMOND. Large Party from New England Spend Several Hours Here.

The New England Hotel-Keepers' Association, sixty-five strong, visited Richmond yesterday, and spent some time at the Jefferson, where they were hospitably entertained by Manager P. M. Fry. The gentlemen came here over the Chesapeake and Ohio, under charge of Mr. U. L. Truitt, general eastern passenger agent of that railroad.

They travelled in a special train of Wag-ner cars, composed of three sleepers, one dining car, a buffet and smoker, and a baggage car. They reached Richmond at 7 o'clock and breakfasted in their own cars, and at 11 o'clock their train left for Old Point. They will go to the Hot Springs and on to Cincinnati and Indianapolis.

Personals and Briefs. Mrs. Richmond Piersay is visiting Mrs.

W. D. Thomas. Dr. R. W. Brngg, of Hot Springs, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ganzert have left for their future home, in Gordonsville, Senator Thomas S. Martin has gone to Smithfield to spend to-day with his fam-

Mr. Claggett B. Jones, of King and Queen, was in the city a short time yesterday. tion relative to the death of Mr. Francis R. Le Masurier, recently the union's sec-

Mrs. Charles Riley, of Knoxville, Tenn., s visiting Mrs. J. C. Bowman, on Chest-Mr. Fred. C. Farrell, of Norfolk, a must-al composer of more than local note, is

Mr and Mrs. James Marshall, of Fau quier, are staying with Dr. and Mrs. John Spotswood Wellford.

Mrs. N. C. Terrell, of Lexington, Ky. is the guest of Mrs. A. O. Jones, at No. 108 north Eighth street. Dr. J. M. Booker, who has been on a

visit to Charleston and other southern cities, has returned home. Governor Tyler will attend the com-mencement exercises of the Virginia Po-ytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood, Ga., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Talley, No. 404 east Main street. Miss Grace B. Curle, daughter of Officer John W. Curle, No. 510 east street, is very ill with appendicitis. There will be a called meeting of the

evening at 12 o'clock to take suitable Mrs. J. M. Chappel, of Dallas, Tex., with her little daughter, Marie, is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. D. Williams, on Floyd avenue. Miss Eleanor Beasley, of the choir of

Washington-Street Methodist church, Petersburg, will sing at Park-Place church The Rev. R. L. Mallard, D. D., of

New Orienns, a Confederate veteran, will preach at the Soldiers' Home this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Captain John Woodall, of Covington, Ky., who has been stopping with his niece, Mrs. O. S. Walden, west Broad niece, Mrs. O. S. Walden street, has returned home,

Mr. George D. Pearman, of No. 500 north sick for the past week, was reported somewhat better yesterday. Colonel A. W. Archer, former proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, but now lo-

cated at the Princess Anne, Beach, was in the city yesterday. Rev. B. A. Pendleton, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, Meridian, Miss., is here on a visit to his father, Mr. S. T. Pendleton, No. 12 north Fourth

State Senator Q. Eggleston, of Charlotte county, and Mr. S. P. Daniel, of Drake's Branch, Charlotte county, were the city yesterday. They returned last The members of Company E, First Reg-

iment, recently disbanded by order of the Governor, will assemble at the Armory Monday night for the purpose of reor ganizing. R. E. Lee Council, No. 11, Jr. O. U. A.

M., will meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon to attend a special sermon to be preached to them at the Christian tabernacle by Rev. Mr. DeVol. In the Circuit Court of Henrico county, yesterday. Bessie Humphrey brought sul against Charles Humphrey for divorce,

upon the grounds of desertion. W. H. Beyerldge is counsel. Rev. Dr. William E. Hatcher arrived in the city last evening, having stoppe over at his summer home, in Fluvanna, for several days, returning from the

for several days, returning Southern Baptist Convention. A meeting of the Ladies' Hebrew Aid Society will be held this evening at 7 o'clock at Thon's Hall, corner Seven-teenth and Main streets. All gentlemen and ladies interested in the society are

Miss Essle Rosenstein, of Philadelphia, who is visiting her relatives, Mrs. F. Benman and family, No. 626 north Eighth street, will return home on Wednesday, accompanied by her father, who is ex-pected here on Monday evening.

The regular meeting of Lodge of Strict Observance, No. 207, A. F. and A. M., will be held in St. Albans Hall to-morrow (Monday) evening at 7 o'clock. The an-nual election of officers will take place and several degrees will be conferred. Mr. Joseph L. Young, Jr., has returned to Richmond from New York, where he

has been sojourning since his recovery from the accident that befell him in Savannah about the time his company (M, of the Fourth Virginia) was mustered out Mrs. Judson Cunningham left yesterday

to attend the closing exercises of the Salem Female College, at Salem, N. C., where her daughter graduates in music. The exercises will conclude Thursday, and on Friday Mrs. and Miss Cunningham will return to the city. The First Virginia Band leaves this morning for North Carolina, making its

twentieth annual consecutive visit to the colleges in that State. It will take in Wake Forest College, University of an employee of the Richmond Lecomotive-Works, but latterly he had been working at odd jobs, and only recently had moved from his former home, at the corner of

Letter from Author of "Christian Church in Apostolic Age."

REFUSAL TO MODIFY VIEWS.

The Doctor Courteously Declines to Do Church's Bidding.

WILL THERE BE A HERESY TRIALS

Asked Among Members of the Gen-

eral Assembly of the Presbyterian

Church, N 1

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., May 20 -- DA A. T. McGiffert, of the Union Theological Seminary, by letter to the Presbyterian General Assembly, to-day refused to comply with its request of last year that he should modify his attitude on doctrinal matters, expressed in his "Christian Church in the Apostolic Age," or else withdraw from the Church. Instead of modifying his views, he declares that he is in accord with Presbyterian doctrine on all vital points, and far from withdrawing, he declares that he cannot with-

The language of the letter was so courteous that many of the conservatives in the 'assembly joined the liberals in applauding it when the stated clerk had read it, notwithstanding the fact that Dr. McGiffert had refused to do the bidding of the Church.

LETTER A SURPRISE. The letter was a surprise. The Com-

mittee on Bills and Overtures, Dr. Wallace Radeliffe chairman, will pass upon the letter. An influential member of the committee declares that the letter is exactly what it should not be, except for its courtesy, but the spirit of the committee and of the whole assembly is such that it is hard to say what will be done. There will be a careful consideration by the committee and the assembly In the end, the assembly will either

reassert its position of last year and let

the matter drop, or else recommend that

the New York Presbytery take up the question of the expulsion of Dr. McGiffert, which means a heresy trial. CHALLENGE YALE AND HARVARD

Oxford and Cambridge Propose an Athletic Contest. Copyright, 1899, by the Associated Press.) LONDON, May 20.-The American Line steamer Paris, which sails for New York to-day from Southampton, takes a challenge from Oxford and Cambridge universities to the Universities of Yale Harvard for an athletic contest, to take

place on the ground of the Queen's Club, London, during the last week in July. ing events: 100-yard dash, 120-yard hurdle race, quarter of a mile run, half a mile run, mile run, three-mile run, hammerthrowing, high jump, long jump. This is the regular Oxford and programme, with a half-a-mile run sub-stituted for putting the weight, to the new rules of which even the English university men are not yet accustomed.

The challenge insists that every American opponent must, like themselves, be absolutely a student and absolutely an amateur athlete.
From the communications already exchanged between the representatives of Oxford and Cambridge and parties in America, there is little doubt that challenge will be accepted. The mee

States Ambassador Choate, and Lord Rogebery is secured, as, is already stated, will be the case.

will be a great attraction at the close of

the London season, especially if the presence of the Prince of Wales, United

ALGER AND THE SENATE. Is the Secretary Considering With-

drawal!-McMillan a Candidate.

DETROIT, MICH., May 20.-Last night Senator James McMillan received the following dispatch from Washington: "Are reports in the press to the effect that you are a candidate for the United

To-day the Senator answered it as fol-"R. A. Alger, Washington.-I should have preferred a personal conference with but your dispatch appears to de-

torial race. NEWPORT NEWS AND ROTTERDAM.

September 1st. NORFOLK, VA., May 20 .- The United States Shipping Company, with headquarters in New York, and a chartered steamship line from Norfolk to Amsterdam, will, on September 1st, establish a line from Newport News to Rotterdam. This

The Weather.

WASHINGTON, May 20 .- Pore-

ness Sunday, and probably showers by Sunday night; Monday, showers; fresh, north to northeast winds. For North and South Carolina-Fall

THE WEATHER IN RICHMOND YES TERDAY was clear and pleasant, State of thermometer:

Mean temperature 5-6

States Senate true? Answer at once.
(Signed) "RUSSELL A. ALGER."

you, but your dispatch appears to de-mand an immediate answer. I am a can-didate for the United States Senate. (Signed) "JAMES M'MILLAN." Secretary Alger's dispatch is looked upon by Senator McMillan's friends here as an indication that the Secretary s an indication that the Secretary is considering a withdrawai from the sens-

Steamship Line to Be Established

information was given out here to-night by the company's representative, on re-ceipt of notice from the New York office.

CLOUDY cast for Sunday: For Virginia-Continued cool weather, with increasing cloudi-

Sunday; Monday, showers; westerly

6 A. M.....